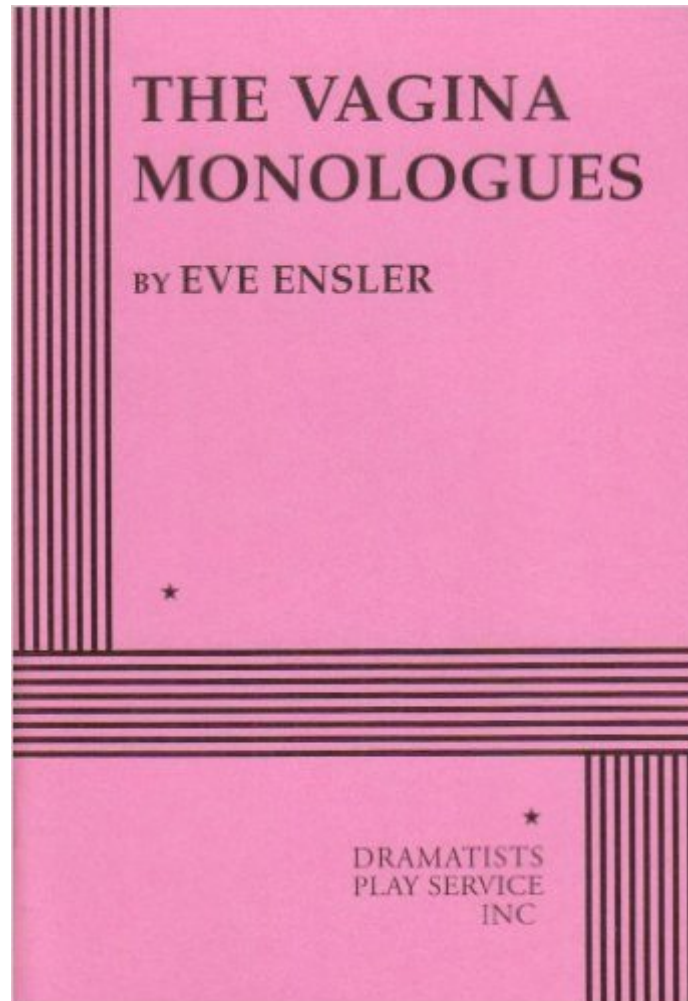


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The Vagina Monologues - Acting Edition



Synopsis

"I was worried about vaginas. I was worried about what we think about vaginas, and even more worried that we don't think about them. . . . So I decided to talk to women about their vaginas, to do vagina interviews, which became vagina monologues. I talked with over two hundred women. I talked to old women, young women, married women, single women, lesbians, college professors, actors, corporate professionals, sex workers, African American women, Hispanic women, Asian American women, Native American women, Caucasian women, Jewish women. At first women were reluctant to talk. They were a little shy. But once they got going, you couldn't stop them." So begins Eve Ensler's hilarious, eye-opening tour into the last frontier, the forbidden zone at the heart of every woman. Adapted from the award-winning one-woman show that's rocked audiences around the world, this groundbreaking book gives voice to a chorus of lusty, outrageous, poignant, and thoroughly human stories, transforming the question mark hovering over the female anatomy into a permanent victory sign. With laughter and compassion, Ensler transports her audiences to a world we've never dared to know, guaranteeing that no one who reads *The Vagina Monologues* will ever look at a woman's body the same way again.

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Customer Reviews

This book was given to me as a gift from a dear friend. She had already it and wanted me to read it. I did and I was really pleased with it. Ensler explains that she is worried about the state of a world that cannot say VAGINA without blushing, but has hundreds of slang words for penis. This book is a

collection of stories that were told to Ensler by hundreds of women from all walks of life who she interviewed. Some of the stories are verbatim what the women had to say about their vaginas, while Ensler takes more artistic licence with some. There are stories about masturbation, sex, childbirth, rape, and many other things. Every way that our vaginas affect our lives, as women, are covered with a humorous or touching story. A great deal of this book is filled with humorous stories about nicknames for our vaginas and how women think about their own vaginas, but there is a disturbing rape scene in one of the stories. Although this story was incredibly disturbing, it is totally understandable why it was included: Rape, whether it is spoken of or not, is a tangible part of many women's vaginas. All in all, *The Vagina Monologues* is an excellent book for any woman or any man who loves vaginas. Vaginas are one of the most underappreciated entities in our lives. Vaginas provide pleasure for our mates, pleasure for ourselves, the means for conception, and most importantly-birth. Most of us came into this world through a vagina. While this isn't a self-help book and it won't help you deal with specific problems with your vagina, it can help you learn to see your vagina in a whole new light.

I intend to see the play when it's next scheduled in or around Valentine's Day. I promised my better half I'd go with her; she said it might open up this old dog's eyes as to certain feminine issues. It did and besides, if it makes the queen happy - the land is happy. AND I'll certainly derive a huge benefit. This IS NOT the Ensler book. It's an actors playbook of about 35pp. It goes through the actual dialogue/monologue that one will hear from the stage. It's a real good primer for seeing the performance and/or reading the Ensler book, which I shall be doing soon since I just ordered it. I'd recommend getting this pamphlet, and especially for you guys out there, give it a try - you could learn a little something new and impress that certain woman in your life. I'm 68 and I did. P.S. As I understand it, many of the conversations are not meant to be taken literally but are a vehicle for a woman expressing how she feels.

If you click on "Look Inside" you will see a 215 page edition. This is NOT that book. It is a 35 page actor's edition. You will not know this, however, unless you scroll down and read through the entire description of the book.

Thoroughly researched, a tour de force for the right performer - this piece rings true! It should be required reading in every high school and/or college.

I saw this performed recently and had a hard time hearing all the dialogue, so wanted to read the script. Wonderfully funny in a ribald way.

I was completely taken off guard (in a good way) by how candid this book is. I have never heard or read anything like it before. I have passed it on to friends and family members who have raved about it. It is happy, sad and angry all at once. I got so wrapped up in it that I read the whole thing the night I received it. I can only say that I have never experienced anything like it.

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